

REMARKS

The Examiner is thanked for the consideration given the application.

Upon entry of this amendment claims 1-5, 7 and 9-21 are pending in the application. By this amendment claims 6 and 8 are canceled and their subject matter is incorporated into claim 1. The other claims have been amended to improve their language so as to correspond with the amendments to claim 1.

No new matter is believed to be added to the application by this amendment.

Entry of this amendment under 37 CFR 1.116 is respectfully requested because it cancels claims and places the application in condition for allowance.

Rejections Based on DADD

Claims 6 and 10 have been rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by DADD (U.S. Patent 4,230,571). Claims 1, 3-7 and 10-21 have been rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over DADD in view of KAWAI et al. (U.S. Patent 4,863,608). Claims 20 and 21 have been rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over DADD in view of KAWAI et al., and further in view of MANCIL (U.S. Patent 5,843,309). These rejections are respectfully traversed.

Claim 8 has been canceled and its subject matter has been incorporated into claim 1 along with the subject matter of intervening claim 6. Claim 8 was free of these rejections based

on DADD and incorporation of the subject matter into independent claim 1 renders this claim instantly patentable over DADD or DADD in view of the secondary references. Claims depending upon independent claim 1 are patentable for at least this reason.

These rejections are believed to be overcome and withdrawal thereof is respectfully requested.

Conclusion

No issues remain and the issuance of a Notice of Allowability is respectfully solicited.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 25-0120 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17.

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